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Tuolumne River: The elephant in the room is Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. Because it is there does not mean it SHOULD be there. Its presence influences all the planning in a negative way. The public does not have use of the reservoir and does not even have access part of each day. A long hike in the area requires returning by a certain hour, or else! Either this is part of a national park open to all citizens or a San Francisco benefit program. Let's start looking at the elephant instead of pretending it isn't there.

Tuolumne Meadows: Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall; I can't stay away. Unfortunately there are too many who feel the same. Facilities such as the lodge and stables are pretty well out of sight and don't give a visual impression of crowding. The parking for the trail to Cathedral Lakes gets worse each year. Would it be possible to close off all roadside parking and expand parking near the lodge or stables and shuttle hikers/backpacker to trailheads?

The High Sierra Camps provide a semi-wilderness experience to a more and more urbanized public. It is a shame they can't be open earlier and later every year. I would like to say that everyone should walk in (Whether to the HS camps or just to backpack) to minimize stock use but as I grow older, I realize that a mule is a major help and possibly a necessity to the aging or disabled.

It's a tightrope act between protection and accessibility but I tend to favor the public use of the parks, even if some areas are overused. As a lodging owner in Yosemite, I meet daily with people who have had little experience with any "wilderness." Often they are frightened: of curvy roads and unprotected drops, of animals, most of all, of space. They are at home with traffic, steel and concrete. I have been almost everywhere in Yosemite on foot and on skis. Many, like myself, who know Yosemite well, want to keep people out so the land (or their self interest) is protected. But, if we don't continue to help urbanites discover the wonders of the wilderness, we will find our Parks under worse attacks than have occurred the past few years.

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Ronald Fiala

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Dear National Park Service:

I have several comments regarding The Tuolumne Meadows Plan. I have been visiting the Meadows for many years now and consider it a very special place. I would not like the Meadows area to become over-developed like Yosemite Valley. It is important to have as little impact on the natural environment as possible to preserve what is there. I believe that the Tuolumne Meadows campground should be maintained and that there should be a separation between those who tent camp and large motorhomes and trailers. Perhaps even in separate facilities. I think that the large boxes and noisy generators are not compatible with those who are trying to enjoy a true camping experience. I do not believe that amenities such as bathroom lighting and hot showers should be considered for the campground. Also I think that having a large number of horses and mules may be too damaging to the environment and that the stables should be closed.

Climbing is a very important resource in Tuolumne and access to climbing and the strong bolting ethic which currently exist should be critical components of any new plan.

Please do not under-estimate the value of Architecture in the park. I would not like to see any new buildings added but I do believe that buildings like Parson's Lodge and the Visitor's Center are treasures and from an architectural standpoint, very appropriate for such a beautiful setting. I believe that the concrete block restrooms in the campground and the restroom block at the Visitor's Center should be replaced with something more appropriate.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Ronald Fiala

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Public Comment Form TUOLUMNE RIVER PLAN and TUOLUMNE MEADOWS PLAN

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All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to provide written ideas, concerns, or suggestions during the public scoping period, which closes **September 7** 2006. Written comments may be mailed to: **Superintendent, Yosemite National Park, P.O. Box 577, Yosemite, CA 95389 (Attn: Tuolumne Planning)**. Written comments may also be faxed to: **209/379-1294**. Electronic comments may be emailed to: Yose_Planning@nps.gov (in the subject line type: Tuolumne Planning). Comments can also be submitted online by going to parkplanning.nps.gov/yose. Keep track of project status by regularly visiting the park's web site at www.nps.gov/yose/planning/trp.

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Name: Bob Hackamark

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Comments

Concerning Doing TR & MR plans in parallel or at least at the same time. I favor doing both at the same time since some folks focus more on one than the other and can thus avoid planning fatigue. This can work if there is adequate YNP planning staff to keep both on a reasonable schedule.

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Public Scoping Comments (Question/Answer Format)
 Gateway Partners Meeting
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 Facilitators: Linda Dahl (NPS), Jen Nersesian (NPS)

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How does the Park affect your community?

- Park decisions and operations can affect gateway T.O.T. (tourist occupancy tax) revenue and revenue from all sources (small business, etc.)
- 2004 workshop addressed effects
- Same visitor base in all Gateways
- Yosemite-Sierra Visitor Bureau goal to increase visitation, but we need to preserve it too (Organic Act)
- How are we balancing the assets? (natural, cultural, socioeconomic) Inventory assets? Imbalance? Balance? Try to achieve balance by structuring sociopolitical economical model.
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy relations (workshops, funding)
- Whatever facilities/services are eliminated from park will go into gateways; some of that is good and may require capital investments, which may present challenges to gateways.
- We feed off each other; we feed off each other's efforts. It's a regional issue. We are an economic region.
- Re-visit Yosemite National Park's campground study (low impact camps study, site analysis on existing campground study – feasibility study for site design and site location)
- Traffic Management
- Campgrounds lost in flood is a concern for Gateways
- Park plans affect other agency plans. It would be ideal to have continuity throughout corridor in planning effort. It would be advantages to plan jointly.
- Drinking water issues with other agencies (SFPUC, MID, etc)
- Communications with people outside the planning process. It's important that we are "on the same page."
- One AP article with miscommunication can cause disastrous effects (economically and otherwise)

What DATA should be brought to the table?

- 2004 Meeting data/process
- Natural/cultural assets, not just financial.
- Work with SBC and within their principles
- Work with Sonoran Institute to develop an economic/social/political/natural model
- State Heritage Tourism Commission – Hit up for money for workshop.
- Need to bring the science to the table pretty quickly.
- USFS river plans and ideas make it a seamless Wild and Scenic river, offering a variety of opportunity.
- GCSD data on water
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My family and I have spent much of our time in Yosemite in the Tuolumne Meadows area. We usually stay at the Lodge, or in White Wolf hi sierra camp. What has been helpful has been the shuttle busses. However, this still requires a place to park. So one need is more parking where there will be a bus stop. I think the number of services is about right now. The last time I was there in the summer there were a lot of cars parked along the roadside at trailheads which needs to be alleviated.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Yours very truly,

Paul Armstrong
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1. Remove all trails in the meadow and replace them with a boardwalk type trail going around the meadow.
2. Tuolumne Meadows campground – space sites further apart (like White Wolf) for increased privacy. Add lights and electric outlets to all bathrooms.
3. Tuolumne Meadows store area – Increase parking area off street in such a way as to not harm the environment but maybe to create several small parking areas.
4. Keep store and grill @ Tuolumne Meadows. This is a great way to steer people away from the valley.

Stephen Fabre



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Superintendent:

In the summer of 1993, my wife and I, along with another couple, were fortunate enough to spend a week in the Tuolumne Meadows area hiking from one High Sierra Camp to another. One of my finest memories was the first day hiking along the Tuolumne River down to our first camp. What a glorious day enjoyng the beauty of the Yosemite hihg country.

Our only recommendation is to leave it as it is and simply protect the beauty of the area. Frankly, the visitor facilites allow many people to have an almost wilderness experience and do not deter from the beauty of the region. We have our own biases against horse use on the trails, but reluctantly understand why some people enjoy that activity. We also understand that that is how food gets to those great camps.

Sincerely,

Jim and Charlene Eckman

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What I love about the Tuolumne River/Meadows is the quietness of the experience. The only disturbing sounds one might encounter are the occasional snores of fellow tent campers in the always crowded campsites. If I were making the decisions in this regard I would plan for increased usage by camping folk and try to build a few more campgrounds in areas of the meadows that would be least affected by such encroachment. This can be accomplished, as it should, so that the increasing needs of a nature experience by a rising tide of the US population will be able to enjoy the great outdoors. And it should be an affordable experience as well. No fees higher than \$25 US dollars per night stay; 25% discount for people 55 years and older. Facilities which would NOT BE APPROPRIATE would include fast food restaurants and shops that cater to the tourist trade (i.e. T-shirt outlets/curio's & other miscellaneous crap merchandise probably made in People's Republic of China). Services which WOULD BE APPROPRIATE might include organizations which would assist the disabled, deaf/blind/terminally ill folks to have a better and more complete and satisfying experience in one the most beautiful and glorious National Parks in the USA. It may also be possible to include a fly fishing camp in the Tuolumne River/Meadows area for those who really wish to try this form of fishing but wouldn't ordinarily attempt to do so for whatever reason. What I would LIKE TO SEE PROTECTED are the wild things that inhabit the area: The Bear, the deer/elk, the raccoons, the many species of birds, etc. ALSO, the sense of Nature herself! Keep the Serenity. Protect the quiet and the solitude. Honor the very creation of the place itself by minimizing the human footprint upon it as best as possible. That is my FEEDBACK on these questions which you have posed with your most recent EIS mailing that I have received from you recently. God Bless Yosemite & All Who Honor and Protect Her Sanctity and Beauty! Sincerely, Jonathan G. Hinchliff [REDACTED]

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I have a long personal history with Tuolumne Meadows. I have lived in Tuolumne or White Wolf for four different summers of my life and have visited for most of the other summers in the last thirty-five years. Tuolumne is a spiritual center for me. I always feel whole again when I am there. The following are my reflections on the Tuolumne Meadows Plan

1. Remove Large RV sites from the campground. I feel the large RV sites reserved for 27 and 35 ft motor homes should be removed from the campground. This kind of camping is not a valid use in a national park where people are trying to reconnect with the natural environment. They require additional resources such as road improvements that detract from the wilderness connection for others. They pollute the air and the noise of operation interferes with natural sounds. Low gas mileage is a waste of resources that should not be encouraged by the park service.

2. Remove the RV Dump Station. The dump station for these vehicles is a major eyesore that should be removed. Private enterprise can provide for RV space and dumping needs outside the park boundary. This site could then be used for shuttle bus parking.

3. Move the Tuolumne Store and Grill Parking Lot to behind the store. The removed RV campsites can allow adjustment of the campground boundaries to relocate the store parking. The store and grill have historical, emotional and social importance, and the canvas tent building should remain in its present location as it is. However, the parking should be moved to the rear of the building with a walkway bringing people to the front entrance to the store. A similar project is currently underway at Crater Lake National Park. The present parking lot should be revegetated and converted to a picnic area with benches and rocks for sitting and looking at the meadow. This would discourage people from walking across the street and trampling the meadow. The buildings behind the store will need to be moved to the side. An access road will need to enter the parking lot from the gas station area.

4. Cathedral Lake Trailhead Parking There needs to be another hikers parking lot. Since the habit of parking near Cathedral Lake seems so ingrained it would be wise to build an official parking lot near the trailhead. Make it large enough to accommodate the number of cars that are currently parked on the road and then some. Another possibility is to have the new hikers parking lot where the current dump station is located. This site would be used by the Cathedral Lake hikers if the frequency and hours of operation of the shuttle bus were increased. More people would make use of the new lot then.

5. Trail Maintenance must be given more funding. The condition of the trails around the Tuolumne area is appalling. If the trails were maintained every year the "four lane highway" phenomenon would not occur. When the trails get too deep from years of use, people make a second trail. If these trails were filled (at a high initial cost) and maintained (at a much less cost) each year most people would stick to the trail.

Another issue is the wet areas of the trails. When

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hit a mud swamp on the trail they find a way around it. There are two possible solutions for this. Rocky Mountain National Park has built many boardwalks across springs and swampy areas and they work very well. Hikers stay on the boardwalks. The other solution would be to build the trail on higher ground in the swampy areas. There is one portion of the Lyell Canyon trail where the trail is built right through a natural spring. This is bad planning.

Horses and mules need to have separate trails when the trail

is next to the river. Horses make the trail difficult for hikers and you again get people creating new trails on the side to avoid the worn areas. Some kind of diaper might also work on stock.

6. Things that should be kept the same and maintained as they are for their historical and aesthetic importance:

Visitor Center

Employee housing.

Parsons Lodge and the summer programs at Parsons Lodge

The wonderful bridge at Soda Springs and the twin bridges on the

Lyell Fork

High Sierra Camps

7. Campgrounds.

Pick up of the Recycle bins needs to be done more often.

The

piles next to the recycle cans are ridiculous.

Limit the number of fires allowed at night. The air pollution is very bad.

The bathrooms need a major overhaul.

*Most of the plumbing is not in working order.

*There is only one working

sink and one

mirror and no shelf.

*If you don't want people

washing their

dishes in the bathroom, take out the deep sinks. I saw a lot of people doing their dishes in the bathroom - right next to the sign saying please don't.

8. Replace the Visitor Center bathrooms. The present bathrooms

at the Visitor Center need to be replaced with some that are architecturally similar to the Visitor Center.

9. Continue removing the young pines along the roadside.

I am

attached to having a meadow, so I believe that the young pines should be removed near the road.



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I have a few items that I am sure are being mentioned by numerous members and visitors to the Meadows.

1. Restore the bridge that is below Parsons Memorial Lodge to it's original status with the width and cantilevered braces. The original piers are wide enough to make this very easy to attain.

2. Relocate the mule route East so it is not crossing the Meadow where all the foot traffic is now located.. This could be rerouted East to the Lambert Dome Parking Area. It might be a few hundred years longer but I doubt the mules will mind.

3. Remove any remains of the old Sierra Club campground except Bruin Baffle?????

4. Provide protection for the remains of the shelter at Soda Springs.

5.. Provide more culverts under the highway to disperse the water similar to the way the water from Yosemite Falls is being dispersed across the meadow.

6. Better still would be to relocate the highway to it's original position on the North side. The location of the road to the South side of the Meadow was done either before or in conjunction with the building of the mess hall for the WPA or CCC when they worked in that area. What a great job they performed. The highway could be routed East by Lambert Dome and then turn back West as far as the visitor's Center so the facilities on the South of the highway could still be accessible. With this change I believe like Dr. Carl Sharsmith that the meadow is drying up because the way the moisture is funneled to the river across the Meadow. This would raise the water table and delay the encroachment of trees into the Meadow. This would bring back more flowers but we will never see his favorite (Sky Pilot) in that part of the Park.

7. Reduce the speed limit and enforce the same. Restrict the larger Motor homes from that area of the park.

8. Build a broken fitted stone stairway or steps up to Parsons Memorial Lodge like I have seen in other places in the Park.

9. Perform any repairs deemed necessary to Parsons Memorial Lodge. I understand that this must be in agreement with the Seirra Club.

10. Reconstruct the dining area to resemble the area where the Sierra Club used for their meals.

11. Reduce or eliminate vehicles from the area around Parsons Memorial Lodge and the Cabin that has been used for many years by park volunteers. To let nature take it's course vegetation wise rather than have a dusty parking lot. There looks like there are two old roads beds on the North side of the Meadow one goes to the sewer plant and I don't recall where the other leads to.

Any part of the above would help the enjoyment of visitors I believe.

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Regarding comments and ideas on the Tuolumne River and
Meadows. August 27, 2006

Dear Sirs:

My concern is that any new development to "improve" the facilities and service will damage the ambiance of the Meadows. Currently it has the feel of a wilderness "outpost" which in turn perfectly blends with the fantastic surrounding wilderness. With any improvements we risk a change from the sublime low key facility it is, to one with glitz and glamour which in turn will bring many more people who will change what is currently so unique.

Perhaps an upgrade in the tent like facility could be done, but that would risk taking away from the ambiance we have now. Whatever upgrades are made must be of a primitive design and décor. There should be more campgrounds available.

Whatever changes are made, the facility should be kept small. This is not a place where we want the trappings of modern society.

The charm of the meadows is what they are, isolated, low key, peaceful and serene. That is why we come to this glorious place, to get away from all the trappings of modern society we have created elsewhere.

Respectfully

Elmar Brock

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Park Service:

I'm glad I have the opportunity to comment on the Tuolumne River Plan and Tuolumne Meadows Plan. My primary message is keep the river and meadows wild. I am absolutely opposed to making Tuolumne Meadows any more commercial than it is. I would detest having a hotel, restaurant or any other commercial operation in the meadows. Of course we need to keep the campground and it's fine to have the little visitor's center but don't expand them. Is it necessary to have the camp store? If it helps keeping people from driving to Lee Vining or the Valley for supplies, then I suppose it's OK. The valley has plenty of commercial operations. Let's keep the high country more pure.

A little background - I married into a family who has been camping and hiking in the Yosemite high country since 1950. I now consider Yosemite "my" park, too. I totally agree with the report which found that Tuolumne has Outstandingly Remarkable Values. We love hiking up over the dome at the end of the meadows, noting the glacial polish, then hiking down to the river. Our sons grew up playing in the river, admiring the deer in the meadows. Before too long I expect they will have their own families. I certainly hope Tuolumne Meadows remains wild just the way it is for their children and generations afterwards.

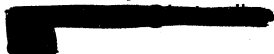
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Having visited the area many times with my family, I value it highly and sincerely hope that you protect and preserve in its natural state as much as possible. Sincerely

KenDawdy

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Dear Supt...

Today is August 27, 2006 I received the notice of Public Site Visit yesterday on the 26th. I live in Los Angeles. As a frequent park visitor for many years I do have an voice in what happens at Yosemite. (think I do) How you (NPS) Can expect me to Drive 400 plus miles on this short a notice for a 2 hour meeting. Did you not know you were going to have the meeting 30 days ago? And I know how these meeting go. They are cut off exactly at the time indicated no matter how many people came to be heard So I choose not to come.

However my thoughts on this are as follows.

Tuolumne is about camping hiking and climbing (and avoiding MOSQUITOS).

What ever the suggestions may be Yosemite is supposed to be a place for people to come to. and enjoy the best there is.

Any time you have people come to a site there will always be some damage to the site. This is as we say "the cost of doing business". It is your job to find ways to reduce the impact on the site. Not as has been, and is currently the policy, to reduce the number of visitors. Not restoring campsites. having parking pads, roads and parking facilities under such bad repair that a car can not navigate them is obscene.

I know. because I have spoken with many NPS personnel and others who relate many comment that they have heard at meetings and conferences.

If you remember a few years ago Some Hydrologist actually wanted to return a valley meadow to its natural state by flooding it and creating a 1886 wetland full of wonderful plants and animals and of course MOSQUITOS. Which if you remember is why these wetland were drained in the first place.

If you want to go back, lets cut down all of the trees that have grown up to hide the 1890s views All of this just goes on and on.

You can't fix some things. I see that they want to repair the banks of the river between Stoneman Bridge (which was named after a friend's grandfather) and Housekeeping. Sounds good. Except that every year the spring thaw will wash it all away. You blame visitor use NO NO NO! It is because you refuse to line the banks with boulders to support the banks and the tree.

At one time some genius actually wanted to leave all of the fallen trees in the river. And they did for about 3 years. Give me a break.


Look what has happened to mirror lake. it is now no longer a lake. Why? because some boulder fill in the creek and stopped the flow of water. Natural event but so is the rock slides that happen.

So: In closing, either protect it, repair it, or leave it alone. Stop spending money on things that can't be fixed.

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Thank you. Jack Leibel 



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My family and I have visited Tuolumne Meadows regularly for a week every Summer for at least 20 years. (I am 62.) We stay in the camp ground. We enjoy spending our days hiking, learning from the rangers, bathing in the river and the lakes, and sketching and photographing the scenery. I love to walk into the meadow at sunset and view the alpenglow on the surrounding peaks. Later I look up and see the milky way overhead. I love to sing around the camp fire when the night air is getting chilly.

As I visitor I like to think that the meadows as I have known them exhibit few changes since the creation of the park if not first European contact. Realistically I believe I have some grasp logically of the huge impact upon the environment of the necessary infrastructure to accommodate tens of thousands of annual visitors year in and year out. Nevertheless, the meadows will hopefully remain for the foreseeable future a place to experience the natural environment as little touched by the development of amenities as may be.

As to the resource issues addressed at page 11 of the pamphlet which I received at the park this summer, I lack much information regarding the details or technical considerations, but would prefer choices consistent with the view I just expressed. No motorized recreation. No domestic animals outside campgrounds. Move the service station outside the park to TPR or Lee Vining. Limit stock use. Minimize commercialization in general. Provide conditions that will draw qualified NPS rangers to serve in the meadows.

John McDougall

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TO: Yosemite NP Superintendent,

I have received regular emails about the park's Tuolumne Meadows. Most have been ambiguous about what the powers-to-be want to do. I just hope that whatever is decided will allow tourists like me (over 60) a chance to experience first hand the beauty of the area without creating limiting restrictions. I know that the numbers of visitors has increased and the damage to the park is great. There must be ways to help people visit without limiting accessibility.

Should camping be limited? Can camping be moved to areas on the fringes of the park?

Denali in Alaska restricts travel except by park bus to the innermost reaches of the mountain. While not the greatest ride, I did enjoy the wilderness and stop when I reached the end.

Sincerely,
Joe Daku

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We have been privileged to be a part of the planning for Yosemite since the first public opinion was initiated years ago. Yosemite has been a part of our lives for over 50 years.

We have mostly visited in the Winter time when Tuolumne Meadows has been closed so we are not as familiar with that area as we are the Valley floor. Although we have been up to Tuolumne Meadows several times in the past.

Being conservationists that we are, we feel that it should be kept as natural as possible with minimum building and convenient visitors facilities, except for rest rooms. Tuolumne Meadows is so beautiful and should remain as natural as possible.

Thank you for including us in the Plan for the Future of Tuolumne Meadows and we are sorry we are unable to attend the public site visit with the planning team.

David and Jean Lewis

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Please submit the attached comments regarding the Tuolumne Meadows Plan,

Thanks,



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Superintendent
Attn: Tuolumne Planning
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To Whom it May Concern,

As many thousands of others, I have been a visitor to the park for my entire 50 year life. I have walked the park north to south and west to east. I have climbed many of the major walls in the Valley and in Tuolumne and lived in my pickup truck in the park for months at a time. I was in the Valley right after the Great Flood and watched helplessly as campgrounds were destroyed, not by the flood, but by overzealous exclusionists. There are many in the system that want camping and visits to the park limited to "the right kind of people." By this, I mean the Yosemite insiders and enviro-extremists who think of Yosemite as their personal playground. They use lawyers to get what they want. One example is sufficient: How many of the promised campsites have been added to the Valley since the Great Flood? Have the new campgrounds, "promised," long ago, been built? No. Only more limits on visitation. Fewer sites for fewer people

I do not want to see the same done to the Tuolumne Meadows Areas. The reasons will be persuasive and the same used in the Valley. The campground are too close to "protected rivers," sanitation is not sufficient, there are too many cars and RVs around, buildings must be eliminated, there can be no fuel or grocery stores as they impact the environment too much and can never be made "clean" enough. Reason should prevail but will not.

Campsites will be eliminated, there will be many promises to replace sites in other, "less sensitive" places, but none will be replaced due to budget constraints. There will be facilities eliminated at huge and often unreasonable expense, due to the sensitive area, thus consuming any budget for alternative facilities for camping or over-nighting. It seems that anything done in the name of the "environment" is OK, but nothing will be done to preserve **simple visitation rights** for the people who also love and strive to protect the park with our tax and fee dollars and labors of love.

This letter may not be taken seriously unless I can qualify myself as a person who "cares about the environment." Briefly, a small group including myself started an environmental fund that will spend over \$11,000,000,000, yes ELEVEN BILLION DOLLARS toward environmental clean-up in California over a dozen years. It is funded by business and government administered. I have also built prototype passive solar homes for PG&E as a very young carpenter, and my office building (yes, I said MY 10,000 square foot office building at our 9.2 acre facility) will be converted and entirely solar powered by October of this year (panel installation should begin in 2 weeks). Our Company been nominated today for an environmental award for our OTHER pollution prevention efforts and praised for our minimizing our corporate environmental impacts. We were not aware of this nomination until yesterday. We also have in-

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house environmental response teams designed help anyone who needs us in emergencies like floods, train wrecks and earthquakes.

Please save the park and my special place, Tuolumne, from the ravages of our past negligence and preserve her for my grandchildren's access and use. Save the campsites! Fight to be reasonable with the Meadows.

Very Sincerely,

David Atwater
Climber, Backpacker, Environmentalist

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Hello,

I'd like to submit the following suggestions regarding the Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan and Tuolumne Meadows Plan/EIS:

1. Remove the horse stables near Lember Dome. Restore the dirt road leading to the stables to a natural state. Forbid anyone, except for park rangers, to ride horses on any Yosemite Park trails. The horses cause too much trail damage and leave behind feces.

2. Add more food storage boxes to the Tuolumne Meadows group campsites.

Thank you.

Jeff Utberg

Sacramento, CA 95834

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Public Scoping Comments (Question/Answer Format)
 San Francisco Public Scoping Meeting
 July 13, 2006

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What would you like to see protected along the Tuolumne River and in Tuolumne Meadows?

- Maintain the natural resource
- Protect viewscapes, e.g. open landscapes upon arrival and Tuolumne Meadows. Mitigate visual presence of cars and other vehicles.
- Preserve water quality
- Access to climbing areas
- Protect volunteer opportunities
- Educate visitors regarding how to protect the area
- Dark night skies (e.g., timers on lights in campgrounds), 'silent fireworks' of meteor showers
- Soundscapes, quiet environment, "summer" sounds, natural sounds
- Ensure that there are "WAG BAGS" in backcountry (non urban travel) (e.g. at Mount Whitney) to containerize human waste.
- Preserve air quality –
 - Sharp scent of pine...this is greeting, I know where I am.
 - Efforts to curtail campfires...regulate timing, fire rings, make this part of the entire ethic for how Tuolumne Meadows is managed.
 - Perhaps change people's awareness about effects of campfires. Do you really need one? Turn it into an attraction rather than prohibition, i.e., old fashioned Ranger Campfire.
 - Bigger impact in high elevation environment
 - Tuolumne as a destination for PURE AIR...restorative, a place to get/be healthy.
 - Build awareness about idling engines
- Prevent impacts from roadside parking. It is unsafe. It affects the viewshed.
- Provide opportunities for kids and young people to experience outdoors and wilderness. They will be future protectors of this place. Build this constituency. If you build it and tell them about it, they will come. A place for kids to be excited about.
- Plan should address river corridor below dam and possible removal of dam, how it should be managed. How does it affect upstream communities?
- Relationships people have with the river.

What do you do while in Tuolumne Meadows or along the Tuolumne River?

- Hiking/camping
- Climbing
- Take pictures
- Ski
- Picnic
- Ride horses

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- Swimming
- Wading along river
- Paint/art
- Meditate/relax
- Observe night sky (star gazing)
- Wild flower observation
- Wildlife observation
- Snowshoeing
- Fishing
- Watch climbers (pleasure dome)
- Scrambling on rocks/domes
- YI/YA classes
- Get lost/wander

What kind of services and/or facilities would you like to see offered, improved, or removed in Tuolumne Meadows of along the Tuolumne River?

- Winter use- perhaps snow cat access? Would need winterized facility lodging.
- Consider enhanced transportation systems – maybe more convenient/often better advertised (like Glacier Pt.). Switzerland as an example for best practices for hiking transit.
- Green facilities – LEED - go for platinum process
- Provide access without paving wilderness. Build awareness of alternative transportation options and PROVIDE those options.
- There are more facilities than I was aware of. They are subtly ‘hidden’ in the landscape and natural environment. Try to maintain that in future.
- Would like to see more primitive, walk-in camping for backcountry users and climbers. Would the Wilderness Act allow for this? Perhaps revisit regulations for minimum camping distance from Tuolumne Meadows. Ideally come by alternative transportation or by a car. How far could you walk with kids to a campsite? Eliminate cars from camping experience.
- Tuolumne camping experience that is primitive, simple, quiet, more on-your-own self reliance, gets to wilderness values, NOT like Yosemite Valley camping experience.
- Is there a way to use shuttle service out near Lumbert Dome? Lines of cars along that road are impacting environment close to river – possibly have shuttle go out to concessioner stable. Make accessible parking for handicapped, like road to Mirror Lake.
- Cars and noise when returning from hiking along river doesn’t seem to go together.
- Perhaps keep cars away from river, keep to southside of river.
- Consider limiting # of cars and campgrounds, so Tuolumne doesn’t become the Valley.
- Need to address traffic, fast drivers – not safe for people or wildlife.
- Want to see fewer people – limit #'s
- Like Tuolumne because less crowded, beautiful, trails, backcountry, accessibility- has a different feel, more laid-back, less “downtown”.

What do you love about the Tuolumne River and Tuolumne Meadows?

- Please address in plan: Kayaking on the Tuolumne – 2 issues:
 - Meadow – would be great for families in Class 1 water
 - Grand Canyon from meadow to White Wolf (could be picked up by pack trail, or hike out)
 - Want the ability to kayak in a National Park
- Want the entire watershed (as it relates to river) evaluated for resource conservation.
- Take a watershed planning approach to process
- Want water flows on 6 miles below dam considered (dam releases) –especially on Sundays, when not released- this affects recreational opportunities, and the local economies (because people don't stick around for Sunday). Suggest doing a cost benefit analysis to determine whether worth more in the river than for power generation – especially for local communities. Also consider water flows below dam for ecological effects.
- Safety/management issue: currently kayakers are putting in in the Grand Canyon AT NIGHT to avoid law enforcement
- LOVE THE QUIET of Tuolumne – part of the wilderness experience.
- Diversity of wildlife
- Scenery- photography, birdwatching
- Like that it is not crowded like Yosemite Valley – keep the visitor use “mellow” – want to see as much of the wilderness experience as possible.
- Want more trails around the reservoir.
- Don't really notice facilities now – want to continue in this manner.
- Love that Tuolumne is different: refreshing, clean
- Love “scent of the forest”
- “To me, Tuolumne sparkles – how light plays on water, peaks. You really bathe in that light.”
- Love that I feel like I'm stepping back in time – like the 60's – a simple world feeling where hi-tech highways, traffic feel a long way away.
- Love that there's no green dragon
- Tuolumne is a release valve for urban pressure. Can enjoy nature at its pace. Don't feel like this in Valley.
- Love the lack of infrastructure and buildings that are there are like shrines to an earlier time.
- Tuolumne feels like “a trailhead, like a jumping off point, a portal to adventure.”
- Mixture of families, ethnicities.
- Awe of my children when they realize “this is for you”.
- “Rich availability of discovery zones, most of them not too far from road.”
- The dramatic change of seasons – while summer's raging in the Valley, you can experience winter in Tuolumne.
- Rapid change of seasons like a really beautiful day that goes by really fast.
- Love climbing in Tuolumne because has a more remote feel.
- Skiing in the winter.
- The “archetypal wonderland”
- TPR – the gateway to YOSE during the winter – it is wonderful to have it there. The parking down below is very important

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- Mixed feelings about snowcoaches, but love people being able to experience Tuolumne in the winter.
- The remoteness of Tuolumne is an asset especially in winter.
- Love the trail network around the Hetch Hetchy area. Crowds low compared to rest of park.
- Love topography, land, views
- Interesting to see where SF water comes from, consider complexity of water issues.
- People are fixated on the Valley – don't realize what a jewel Tuolumne is.
- Attracts different people than Valley – it's a different experience.
- People more interested in DOING rather than just seeing sights- rock climbing, hiking, backpacking
- Wide open, trails not congested.
- River very picturesque, serene.
- Backpacking- use of Tuolumne Meadows as a jumping off point.
- In the future want to see Tuolumne like it is now (but not the bathrooms! DIRTY! Not clean, modern – need shower facilities.)
- Campgrounds should be graded, made flat and even.
- Need store – if car camping, need supplies – has a good balance right now in function it serves.
- Grill ok.
- Parking at trailheads - -cars parked all over the place. Look at permitting and bus system for day use. Now's the time to get ahead of this – may be politically impossible for Valley, but still possible for Tuolumne -would be a better place in 20 years.

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Modesto Public Scoping Meeting

July 12, 2006

Facilitators: Kristina Rylands (NPS), Elexis Mayer (NPS), Jen Nersesian (NPS)

What would you like to see protected along the Tuolumne River and in Tuolumne Meadows?

- Want water quality protected for areas downriver (e.g., Modesto)
- Don't want to see it turned into another Yosemite Valley
- Deep ruts in trails are getting worse.
- We should figure out a way to allow more people to experience the different areas of the park (kids, families, young people and opportunities to learn).
- People should have access and the environment should be preserved.
- Boardwalks work in the Valley to protect meadows. Might be an option.
- Protect wildlife – people need to understand why they need to slow down... to protect wildlife and prevent road kill. Important educational opportunity. Need to tell people WHY it's not just a matter of law enforcement.
- Tell people WHY and HOW things are being protected.
- Protect habitat from pollution.
- Downstream flows beyond O'Shaughnessy Dam to protect meadows and river processes in Poopenaut Valley.

What do you do like to do in the Tuolumne area?

- Having access (cannot eliminate people)
- Have a true outdoor experience (camping, etc)
- Campground is primitive – not many RVs can still go and camp without a reservation.
- Buying supplies at the store
- Feel safer if employees are around to contact.
- Showers are available to those that do not have RVs/lodging
- Access point to a large amount of wilderness.
- Ranger tours in order to learn about the park.
- Driving up to the area
- Just love being there
- Experienced by different groups of people (as many people that can; should be able to experience)
- Natural habitat and geologic features – use of "green building design".

What do you love about the Tuolumne River and Tuolumne Meadows?

- It protects itself because of its relative lack of accessibility. It is a true outdoor experience.
- Those who want primitive experience can enjoy it; those who don't can access other facilities either in Lee Vining or Yosemite Valley.
- Love camping in Tuolumne Meadows – the primitive experience is part of the charm.
- Lots to explore and easy to get to.
- Great opportunities to learn about the park (i.e., ranger programs, etc.)
- Love the drive up to Tuolumne
- "I don't do much hiking, but I just love it up there."
- Love seeing other people. Not too crowded.
- Love Soda Springs and Parson's Lodge
- Spiritual/sacred place
- Temporary buildings that are unique and blend.
- Ranger/campfire programs are wonderful.
- "It's my very favorite place in the entire world."

What kind of services and/or facilities would you like to see offered, improved, or removed in Tuolumne Meadows of along the Tuolumne River?

- Employee housing is "remarkably dreadful" and could be much better. Could be more integrated into the environment. Has an effect on the visitor experience and do not want to see it condensed.
- More visitor and employee housing as long as it doesn't interfere with wild experience

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- Campgrounds (but not increased to the point where they'd destroy the environment and the visitor experience).
- Backpackers, when they come down need facilities – the store is good, for supplies.
- Employee housing – feel safer as a visitor if there are employees around.
- Take out the lodge or move it somewhere else – not necessary to be in Tuolumne Meadows – people are looking for a different kind of experience in Tuolumne – prefer just to have camping (but need SHOWERS for CAMPERS). If going to be moved, would move Lodge out of Tuolumne altogether. But if it's going to stay, the current location is best.
- WANT TO KEEP LODGE IN AREA for the diversity it provides in lodging options.
- Love experience of sitting around the table at the Lodge and meeting other people from all over.
- Crowding and litter an issue in short hike trails – also, people not respecting rules of park- deep ruts on trails.
- Don't go anymore because it's too crowded – go to Stanislaus Forest, etc. instead.
- When NPS does traffic, rerouting, word gets out about inaccessibility – want to maintain accessibility.
- When NPS does traffic routing, word gets out about inaccessibility – want to maintain accessibility.
- Provide facilities/services so that everyone can get to experience Tuolumne/YNP – kids, different demographic, different people are comfortable with different experiences.
- Do not want more facilities in Tuolumne.
- Like having Visitor Center for source of info.
- Keep Soda Springs, Parsons Lodge – important part of experience
- Like having 2 stables, so that doesn't concentrate environmental impacts
- Understand why location of NPS stable near river is an issue.
- Signs should be better understandable by everyone (including kids) – e.g., "reforestation" – kids won't get it.
- Green buildings, porous road surfaces – NPS should be an example
- Great how campground laid out – 400 campsites, but step a little bit back and you don't know it's there.
- Like current design of facilities – blends into environment. Making them less noticeable is the best thing you can do.
- First-come, first serve nature of campground is great.
- Like tented store – part of the experience/character.
- Like having facilities separated so that parking not concentrated and because people not as concentrated.
- Concentrated parking – visual impact, more urban feel – gets away from outback experience.
- Parking by stables/Lembert Dome area an issue – people jockeying for spots – biggest parking problem I see – NOT enough there, but don't want it expanded in that concentrated area.
- More picnic areas for day people in cars or sitting on ground- maybe at visitor center, if there's room since there's already parking. People don't know where to go to picnic – need larger picnic areas, and need to let people know where they are without babying them and over-managing their trip.
- Love bear boxes – seem adequate in campgrounds.



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RE: Tuolumne River / Meadow Plan

Dear Superintendent,

For over twenty years I have brought my family to Tuolumne Meadows to experience the wonders of the Sierras. It is a sacred place for us. Part of the experience is standing in line at 6:00 AM waiting for a reservation. It's a great place to hear Tuolumne stories. By my unscientific calculation about 83% are "regulars" like us. Everyone seems to have a bear tale. Some tell fish stories. All express their joy at being back to Tuloumne.

There is no other campground where the people are more considerate and respectful of their neighbors. I attribute it to the rustic style of the campground layout. The natural dips and bumps of the roads, the narrow lanes, twits and turns all contribute to traffic calming. Don't change a thing in the campground! Site are ample with many options. RV's seem to stay on the flatter areas with us tent campers up the hill; D, E.F loops. You might consider charging a premium for A loop.

I observed some selective cutting of lodgepoles on the meadow this summer. I have noticed their spread and wondered why nature was not allowed to take its course. Perhaps public education is needed in these insistences. I appreciate the portable rest rooms at the Sunrise trail head, the tough policies on food storage (although there will be fewer bear stories told), and the volunteers who assist at the campground.

I do have a few concerns; grips if you will.

Proliferation of parked cars between Tenaya Lake and Tuolumne Meadows- Too many cars are allowed to park along this section of Hwy 120. Most seem to be rock climbers wanting access to favorite routes. These cars take away from the drive to the meadow. Suggest restricting parking and increasing shuttle stops along this section.

Illegal muffled vehicles (mostly Harleys)- It seems that there are more groups of Harley's traveling Tioga Road. They seem to be the single greatest contributor to noise pollution. I realize everyone has rights. Isn't there laws that can be enforced to reduce the noise from motorcycles?

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Disturbances to forest between Tuolumne and Dana Meadows- There are several places along on the north side of the road where there are large open area with, what appears to be, pit mines. Why can't they be reforested?

For the most part it's the same Tuolumne that we came to know twenty years ago. I am concerned that there may be restriction in the coming years. I do not see any justification in reducing the number of camp sites. This happened in the valley. The policy of ½ campgrounds on reservation and other ½ first come first serve should be continued. Half the world doesn't plan a year ahead and you don't know when the snow will melt.

I would like to see a greater effort to promote the shuttle. Consider running every 15 minutes, more stops along campground, and limiting parking at favorite destinations, and above all promote it. If you can train campers to store food properly why can't you get them out of their car?

Thanks for the chance to comment. Keep up the good work.

Stone Family
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Dave & Sheryl Gulizia

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Dear Superintendent,

Above all, please do not permit the building of any additional structures in Tuolumne Meadows area or along any of the river. This area is a World Treasure and should be kept well-protected from anything that may alter it's natural state.

The number of current structures to serve those who wish to have some "at-home" amenities such as the Tuolumne Grill, Cabins and other similar facilities, are already adequately served. Why promote Yosemite as a place to have "everything" waiting for you that you just left at home? Those types can just stay at home, or go to the valley and allow the rest of Yosemite to remain as pristine as possible.

Any additional facilities to potentially promote more park income would be a sell-out by the NPS. The key to better conservation, maintenance, prevention and all key aspects of protecting the park fall into better funding from our government (and aggressive campaigning), retention of park fees and volunteerism, to name a few.

Please fully protect the entire area! Special attention should be focused on erosion around the river, and trampling of the meadows. Signage to warn people of the very real fines for walking in "meadow restoration areas" should be posted and adhered to. By the way, SOME walking on the meadows should be allowed, but rotated yearly for minimum impact. (Standing in the middle of a meadow is part of the full sensation of the high country.)

Sincerely,
David Gulizia
Dedicated Backpacker and supporter of wilderness for
over 20 years!

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Take out the stock animals.

The holding pens as you turn to the lodge are a smelly eyesore.

Trails are disgusting as we try to step around the piles of urine soaked manure while trying to stay on the trail and off the rocks and ruts.

The health hazard is unacceptable. Every time each hiker touches their shoes their hands are fouled. To think everyone including kids can wash their hands for every snack and meal is foolish. Pack animals and children should not use the same trails. To realize our national park is making money from exposing families to such a health threat is not right. Towns and cities across the country have laws protecting our health and safety. You can wash your hands almost anytime. You can easily step around feces on a sidewalk. Why aren't families in a national park given the same protection and respect?

Irvin Lindsey

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Ideas for the Tuolumne Plan
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1. Large RV sites over 25 feet should be removed from the campground. This kind of camping is not a valid use in a national park where people are trying to reconnect with the natural environment. RV's require additional resources such as road improvements that detract from the wilderness connection for others. They pollute the air and the noise of operation interferes with natural sounds. Low gas mileage is a waste of resources that should not be encouraged by the park service. The dump station for these vehicles is a major eyesore that should also be removed. Private enterprise can provide for RV space and dumping needs outside the park boundary.
2. The removed campsites can allow adjustment of the campground boundaries to relocate the store parking. The store and grill have historical and emotional importance, and the canvas tent building in its present location should remain as it is. However, the parking should be moved to the rear, and the present parking lot should be revegetated and converted to a picnic area with benches and rocks for sitting and looking at the meadow. This has the benefit of discouraging people from walking across the road into the meadow itself. The store entrance should be facing the new picnic area. The buildings behind the store will need to be moved to the side. An access road will need to enter the parking lot from the gas station area, and the gas station should also be removed. Fuel should be provided outside park boundaries. The present bathrooms by the store need to be replaced with some that are architecturally similar to most of those in the campground.
3. The bridges at the Sierra Club lodge, twin bridges and the road bridge should be retained and maintained as they are for their historical and aesthetic importance. Parsons Lodge should continue the summer programs.
4. Cathedral Lake Trailhead parking needs to be eliminated and other lots need to be enlarged. A new lot may be needed that is not visible from the meadows or road. I think the Cathedral Lake Trailhead roadside parking is the biggest problem for the Tuolumne River Plan. More campsites may need to be eliminated and replaced with parking for hikers.
5. The visitor center should stay where it is, but the bathroom should match architecturally.
6. Employee housing should stay approximately the same, but as the need for employees increases some maintenance personnel may need to be moved outside the park boundaries. Interpretive and protective personnel should live in Tuolumne.
7. I am attached to having a meadow, so I believe that the young pines should be removed near the road.
8. Additional measures should be taken to discourage persons from going through the park in less than three hours. Also, measures should be taken to narrow and add curves to the road to decrease the average speed of vehicles. The maximum speed limit in the park should be 35mph.

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9. Trails need more maintenance to prevent erosion especially near the river. Horses and mules need to have separate trails when the trail is next to the river. If this is done, the High Sierra Camps can continue as they have historically. Some kind of diaper might also work on stock.

10. Recycle needs to be done more often. The piles next to the recycle cans are ridiculous.

11. As the number of persons going through Tuolumne doubles and doubles again, more restrictions need to be planned ahead of time to prevent further erosion of the experience. All parking may need to be moved outside the park eventually.

I hope you're enjoying working on the plan. Thanks. Larry Carlson